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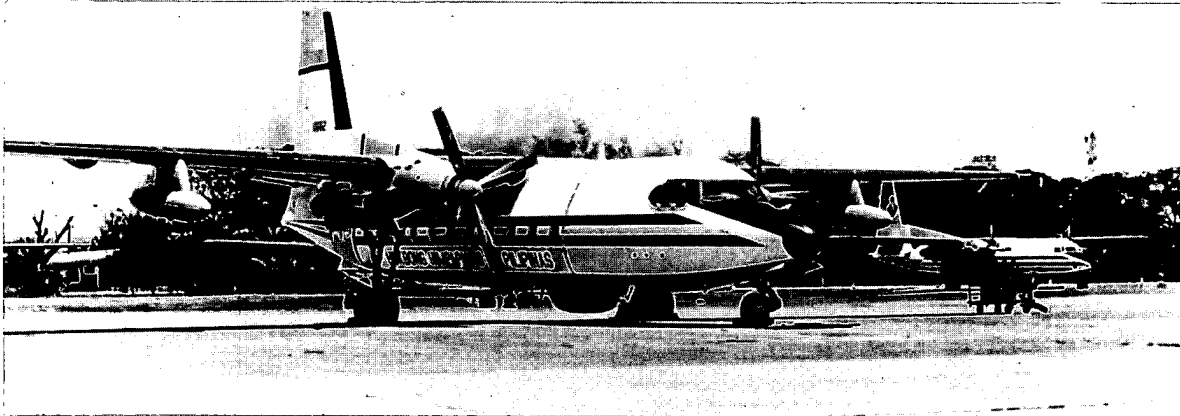
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TITLE/SIGNIFICANCE:

F-27 LONG RANGE PATROL AIRCRAFT

COMMENT: The Republic of the Philippines recently received the first of three modified versions of the Fokker F-27 Maritime Patrol Aircraft. This aircraft, designated the "Long Range Air Patrol" (LRAP) by the Philippine Air Force, will be used for broad area ocean surveillance. Key identification features include two mid-wing mounted fuel tank pods, two blistered-out cockpit side windows, and a large radome on the underside of the fuselage. If the modified F-27 is successful here, other third world nations may consider this economical and reliable aircraft for their own surveillance programs.



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